

Attorney Docket No. 21723-0002
Application Serial No. 10/643,689

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This preliminary amendment is being filed to amend the claims after Applicants teleconference with the Examiner on January 13, 2005. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during this teleconference. Claims 1-5, 10-13, 15-32 and 40 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 9 and 14; claims 6-9, 14 and 33-39 are cancelled; claims 10, 15, 16, 19, 25, 26, 29 and 40 are amended to correct informalities.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by this preliminary amendment.

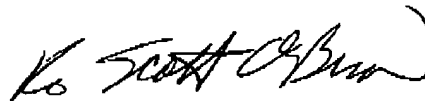
Applicants respectfully request to amend the provisional election provided in Applicants' response to Restriction Requirement from Group V, Figure 15 to Group VI, Figure 16. Group VI, Figure 16 pertains to claims 1-5, 10-13, 15-32 and 40.

CONCLUSION

Please enter this amendment into the presently filed case. Applicants submit that the amended claims are allowable and requests allowance of claims 1-5, 10-13, 15-32 and 40.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1059.

Respectfully submitted,
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